

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
CHATTANOOGA DIVISION**

**BLOUNT PRIDE, INC., a 501(c)3
nonprofit organization, and
MATTHEW LOVEGOOD,**

Plaintiffs,

v.

**RYAN K. DESMOND, in his
individual and official capacity as
the District Attorney General of
Blount County, Tennessee;
JAMES BERRONG, in his official
capacity as Blount County Sheriff;
TONY CRISP, in his official
capacity as Alcoa Police Chief;
and JONATHAN SKRMETTI, in
his official capacity as Attorney
General of Tennessee,**

Defendants.

Civil No. 3:23-cv-00316

**District Judge J Ronnie Greer
Magistrate Judge Jill E McCook**

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

The undersigned counsel hereby gives notice of his appearance as counsel on behalf of the State Defendants, Ryan K. Desmond, in his individual capacity and in his official capacity as the District Attorney General of Blount County, and Jonathan Skrmetti, in his official capacity as Attorney General of Tennessee. Undersigned counsel requests that court notices and service of all motions and other papers be directed to the undersigned counsel.

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